

Commission on Motor Vehicles for Hire
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Brad Mathens, Patrick Evans, Connie LaRue, Geoffrey Lawrence. Also present were taxi owner Fran Migliaccio, driver Patrick Tengwall, and from the Block Island Times, Cassius Shuman. Clerk Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.
Not Present: Commissioner Vin McAloon.

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Marthens at 9:00 a.m.

Public Input/Correspondence

Taxi owner Don Thimble expressed concern about the congestion at Payne's Dock which will only be worse this year due to the Boat Basin not being open. Brad Marthens will talk to the Police Chief about keeping the turn-around at Payne's Dock open.
Clerk reported on the repeal of the 7% sales tax on taxi rides. The bill went to the Finance Committee and was passed on to a sub-committee of Finance where it will probably languish. Fran Migliaccio offered to call Susan Sosnowski to see what can be done.

Approval of minutes, March 18, 2015

Connie LaRue moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Patrick Evans.
Ayes 4(Marthens, Evans, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays 0 Absent 1(McAloon)

Reminder that Ordinance Amendment to ban ride sharing in on April 15, 2015 Town Council Agenda

The Commissioners were reminded about the meeting and will try to attend.

Taxi owners and taxi wait list approvals

Patrick Evans recused himself from these votes.
Brad Marthens moved to forward the 2015 wait list, the 2015 bus waiting list, the 2015 list of taxi owners and the 2015 list of bus owners to the Town Council for approval. This was seconded by Geoffrey Lawrence
Ayes 4(Marthens, Evans, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays 0 Absent 1(McAloon)

With no further business, Brad Marthens made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 a.m., seconded by Patrick Evans and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: May 19, 2015

Bonny Ryan